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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF SEEDS AND PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up Seed Villages for the production of seeds of pulses and oilseeds to enable the farmers to increase the production of these two items;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to boost the production of oilseeds and pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): One of the component under the on-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes ofNational Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP), is the Seed Village Programme which provides an assistance of Rs.200 per qtl. to the farmers for the production of certified seeds of Pulses and Oilseed crops. This component has been introduced with a view to ensure timely availability of seeds to the farmers at a reasonable price reducing the handling cost etc.

(c): Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) are in operation in variousStates/UTs. to increase the production and productivity of Oilseeds and Pulses in the country. Under both these schemes financial assistance is provided for the critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhyzobium culture etc. to the farmers through State Governments. In addition to this, frontline and general demonstrations are also organised on the farmer`s fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.